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SUBJ: CICR MEETING JAN 24

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SUMMARY: COMMITTEE AGREED ON TIME SCHEDULE FOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE BY FEB 6 ON SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CICR BY CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTIONS IN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE. MISSION REQUESTS CONCURRENCE BY FEB 13 ON PROPOSED CONIO DATES JUNE 6-7. ENS DUMMARY

1. ANTI-WESTERN PROPAGANDA. NO CONTRIBUTIONS

2. NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN KOREN SAID THAT BROCHURES, APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER MATERIALS WOULD BE PRINTED AND SENT TO STATE DEPT AND OTHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AROUND JAN 31. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD SET NATIONAL DEADLINES FOR APPLICANTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE PRELIMINARY SELECTION AND HAVE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS IN HANDS OF NATO INFORMATION SERVICE BY APR 30.

TELESCOPED TIME SCHEDULE RESULTS FROM DISAGREEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR ON NATURE OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. MISSION RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTIES
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THIS IMPOSES ON CONFERENCE BOARD AND OTHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, BUT TRUSTS THAT IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT PROGRAM IN US AND TO PRESENT QUALITY SLATE OF AMERICAN APPLICANTS.

NATO SELECTION PANEL WILL MEET ON OR ABOUT MAY 20. AS IN PAST,
PANEL WILL CONSIST OF ONE REP EACH FROM US, UK, FRANCE,
NORTHERN NATO MEMBERS AND SOUTHERN NATO MEMBERS. HOWEVER, OPEN-ENDED
CHARACTER OF PANEL WILL BE STRESSED MORE THAN IN THE PAST, IN ORDER TO

EFFECT GREATER PARTICIPATION IN PANEL'S WORK BY CICR MEMBERS OR OTHERS

FROM NATIONAL DELEGATIONS.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTIONS

IN MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE. (REFS A AND B) CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED WORKING
PAPER LISTING THREE ITEMS WHICH HAD BEEN REFERRED BY THE CONFERENCE
FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

A. POSSIBLE WAYS OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATO
INFORMATION EFFORT IN THE FIELD OF JOINT EXERCISES;

B. PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION IN
TIMES OF CRISIS AND WAR;

JOINT MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS
AND THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF INFORMATION SECTIONS IN MINISTRIES
OF DEFENSE.

KORENS PAPER NOTED THAT CONFERENCE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT ITEM A BE
DISCUSSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATO'S MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THAT
B BE DISCUSSED BY A SUBCOMMITTEE OF CICR TOGETHER WITH REPS FROM
MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS.

KOREN PROPOSED TO TAKE THESE ITEMS UP STARTING AT CICR MEETING
OF FEB 7.

4. OTHER BUSINESS. KOREN PROPOSED FOLLOWING DATES FOR NEXT
CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS (CONIO):

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JUNE 7 - FORMAL MEETINGS

NEXT CICR WILL BE HELD JAN 31.

5. GUIDANCE REQUESTED:

A. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY GUIDANCE ON PARA 3
ABOVE BY FEB 6.

B. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONCURRENCE IN CONIO DATES
BY FEB 13. RUMSFELD

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